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PDC ISSUES CIVIL PENALTIES AT ENFORCEMENT HEARING

Olympia – Secretary of the Public Disclosure Commission, Francis Martin, found two Snohomish County individuals in violation of state law during brief enforcement hearings held Thursday in Olympia.

Alan Tagle, candidate for the State House of Representatives in the 21st Legislative District, was cited for failure to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement as a candidate and **Steven Higgins**, City Council Member for the City of Goldbar, was cited for failure to file an annual Personal Financial Affairs Statement. Tagle and Higgins were assessed civil penalties of \$100 and \$150 respectively.

Candidates are required under state statute to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement with the Public Disclosure Commission within two weeks of becoming a candidate and elected officials are required to file an annual F-1 by April 15th.

Tagle and Higgins had previously been sent a warning letter asking them to comply with the reporting requirements.

Individuals who were found in violation and assessed a civil penalty have an opportunity to ask the full, five-member Commission to review the action taken by the presiding officer.

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